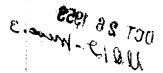
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## IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS DURING 1953

- 2. Through high priority effort starting in 1965, the USER has achieved a full-fledged nuclear weapons production program.
- 2. On the basis of information now available, including that obtained from Seviet tests conducted during the summer of 195), it is concluded that the Soviets can precise weapon types which utilize fission and thermonuclear reactions and that they now have the capability to produce weapons which vary in explosive power from the equivalent of a few thousand tons to the order of hundreds of thousands of tons of THT.
- 3. At present, the Soviet nuclear weapons stockpile is sufficiently large to cause substantial damage and loss of life if delivered on target in the nations of the Pres World. These weapons can be carried by existing Seviet aircraft types.
- is The Seviet program will probably continue to expand. However, the total destructive power of the weapons which such a program can possibly produce will continue to be far emaller than that which can be unleashed by the Free World as retalistion to aggression.



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